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PATENT APPLICATION
(37 CFR 1.63)**

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Apparatus and Method for Determining Orientation Parameters of an Elongate Object

(Title of the Invention)

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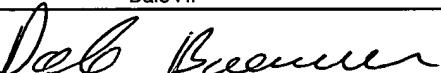
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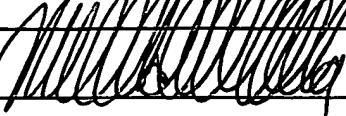
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